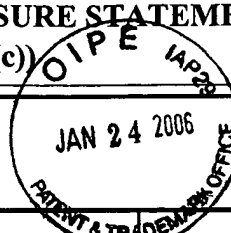


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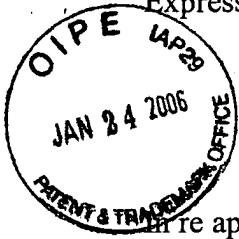
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Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record

believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

Statement of Relevance of References Listed
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided:

German Patent No. DE 2346105 A, Issued 09/13/1973: Hand gripped movement exercise apparatus – consisting of two sprung sticks connected by a flexible rod and distance pieces. Exercise apparatus consisting of two sprung sticks resembling walking sticks to be gripped by the hands on each side of the person exercising. The sprung sticks are connected close to their lower end by a flexible rod, and are height adjustable. Both sticks are made up from a screw spring fitted with a handle on top with their lower end screwed into flexible cover fitted with a screw thread. The connecting rod is formed by a flexible pull link and a number of distance pieces fitted in a row on it which held the pull link under tension. The base of the appts. may be attached to the floor, and allows the user to sit or stand between the sticks.

German Patent No. DE 3231228, Issued 2/23/1984: Device for building up human muscles. The invention relates to a device for muscle training. This device is distinguished by the fact that two rails, rods or the like, at least one of which must be elastic and provided with a handle for gripping, are connected to each other at one point. In the optimum design, the device comprises two bows arranged convexly relative to each other and connected to each other at their backs. As a result, tensile and compressive forces can be executed with hands, arms and legs and these body parts can be trained.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the required references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

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